take up afforestation of wastelands, community lands, and in reserve forest areas under the Clean and Green programme.

Environmental changes due to cyclone in Orissa

1723. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some disturbing changes have been predicted by the wildlife experts and Environmentalists for Orissa, due to super cyclone in that State;

(b) if so, what are the changes predicted by them; and

(c) the details of measures adopted to save human beings for the changes due to ecological imbalances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Some reports predicting that the recent super cyclone in Orissa may contribute to global warming and climate change adversely have appeared in the media. These reports also mention that some of the endangered species may have also been adversely effected by the super cyclone.

(c) Measures contemplated to ameliorate the predicted changes arc:

(i) re-cstablishment of coastal shelter belt plantation over 18000 hectare;

(ii) restoration and rehabilitation of mangrove ecosystem over 18000 hectare;

(iii) raising avenue plantation over 1500 km along roads;

(iv) re-stjocking of 25000 hectare of forest blocks.

Protection of Forests and wildlife

1724. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government to save the forests and the wild animals from destruction;

(b) whether Government have any check on the cutting of forest trees in Adivasi districts of Maharashtra, which have put the forest